

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, January 10, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

God, Our Creator, the Ultimate Source of Forgiveness and Truth, this morning we pray that our hearts and minds will be filled with hope and enthusiasm as we begin this new calendar year and legislative session. In addressing our legislative and personal agenda, priorities and responsibilities help us to keep our intentions and motives honorable and objective. In carrying out our work in this age of change and information, inspire us to ask the right questions in searching for correct answers. Guide our efforts to remain faithful to our philosophical principles and religious beliefs and practices. May the light of Your wisdom show us the way to personal peace and happiness.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Statement of Representative Jones of North Reading.

Victor Pap III
and Mary
Burggraft.

By grant of unanimous consent of the members of the House, Mr. Jones of North Reading made a statement regarding the engagement of Victor Pap III and Mary Burggraft, extended family members of the Office of the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were considered, on motion of Mr. Marzilli of Arlington, and they were adopted as follows:

Justin
Michael
Kelly.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Canavan of Brockton) congratulating Justin Michael Kelly on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Gerald W.
Kelley.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) on the occasion of the retirement of Senior Master Sergeant Gerald W. Kelley from the Massachusetts Air National Guard;

Edward L.
Hartmann, Jr.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Rogers of Norwood, Kafka of Sharon, Coughlin of Dedham and Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Chief Edward L. Hartmann Jr., on the occasion of his retirement;

Curtis
Maxwell
Roemer.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating Curtis Maxwell Roemer on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

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Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating Michael Jeffrey Sterling on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Michael
Jeffrey
Sterling.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating Stephen James Withkowski on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Stephen
James
Withkowski.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Marzilli of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Paper from the Senate.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence:

Ordered, That a convention of the two branches be held at seven o'clock P.M., on Thursday, January 13, 2005, for the purpose of receiving such communication as His Excellency the Governor may be pleased to make to them, relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth.

Joint
convention.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at half past six o'clock P.M.

Next
sitting.

At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Sciortino of Somerville (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at half past six o'clock P.M.